

REMARKS

A. Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the attached substitute specification, the attached clean version of the substitute specification and the following remarks.

B. Claim Status

Claims 1-4 and 6 are allowed. The application was indicated as in condition for allowance except for some formal matters which are addressed below.

C. Specification Amendments

The Specification had been objected to for two formal matters. First, the term "filter bed" throughout the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION was objected to as misdescriptive. The Examiner suggested replacing "filter bed" with "filtration media support members". Such suggestion is appreciated and has been adopted herein. It will be noted that where reference is made to the upper filter bed the singular for "filtration media support

member" has been used. Likewise, where reference was made to the lower filtration support member, the singular has also been used.

The second objection made by the Examiner was to the term "filtration media support member" (sic) to refer to structural element 4 and 50 in the DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS. The DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS has been amended herein to refer to element 50 as "wire mesh" and to refer to element 4 as "plates". It is presumed that such is acceptable by the Examiner since such terms were used by the Examiner in the Office Action dated June 7, 2006.

Because of the number of Amendments made in the Specification rule 125 (b) has been employed to provide a Substitute Specification. The Substitute Specification has been marked to show portions added and portions deleted. Also enclosed is a clean version of the Specification without any markings.

According to rule 125 (b) Applicant makes the following statement:

The Substitute Specification includes no new matter.

D. Conclusion

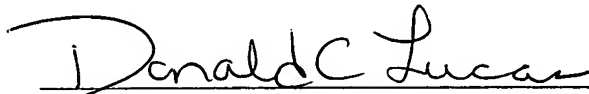
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald C. Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

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